

**City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Minutes for April 2012 Meeting  
April 9, 2012 6:30 pm  
City of Norman Municipal Complex  
201 West Gray, Study Session Room**

**1. Roll Call--6:40pm**

- Members present: Gary Miller, Sarah Ellis, Helen Robertson, Greg Heiple, David Huddleston, Thomas Woodfin
- Ex-officio members present: Angelo Lombardo, James Briggs
- Guests: John Sharp (ACOG), Joy Hampton (The Norman Transcript)

**2. Approval of January 2012 meeting minutes.**

Minutes were accepted and approved

**3. Agenda**

**A. Norman Community Transportation Survey, Bond Issue, and Transportation Project (Lindsey Street widening)**

Angelo Lombardo passed out a preview of the results of the City of Norman Community Transportation Survey. The results show considerable interest by citizens in including bicycle transportation as a part of a comprehensive transportation master plan. At this time, of the relevant major transportation projects that are being considered by the city, the cost estimates that have been put forward to the City Council include bike lanes in the plans. It is imperative that the BAC move forward to formally request bike lanes to be included in the transportation master plan. In addition, the BAC should update the city bike map to reflect bike lanes in the areas included in the proposed major projects. The bike plan should be updated and sent to the transportation committee in a timely manner.

**Lindsey Street widening**

The current design for the Lindsey Street widening includes 4' bike lanes. The project, including estimates and language, was presented at the City Council Study Session the week before. The BAC had sent a letter to the Mayor and the majority of the council members arguing for the inclusion of bike lanes on Lindsey. The letter was well received by the council and mayor. The project plan will go to the Council for first reading on April 10 at the City Council Meeting. In the meetings with Lindsey Street stakeholders merchants stated that they did not want bike lanes; they preferred trees instead. Their plans for trees did not include the many driveways in Lindsey, nor did they take into account previous, unsuccessful efforts to add trees to Lindsey. The consensus of the committee was that the committee should stay connected and active as the project progresses.

**B. Additional Bike Lane Striping**

Angelo Lombardo passed out a list of all candidate streets for bike lanes (streets that are at least 34' wide and already have No Parking restrictions). The committee decided that all members should come to the

next meeting with their top five candidates for streets to prioritize for bike lanes, along with reasons for the prioritization.

In general the BAC should focus on improving the level of service through:

1. the inclusion of multimodal transportation to be included in bond projects;
2. plan for new lanes;
3. plan for new routes.

Thus, the committee should create a list of:

1. designated bike lane facilities to be included in bond projects;
2. proposed new bike lines;
3. new bike routes to be added due to development.

### **C. Urban Trail System Update**

The best option seems to be Saxon, which is going to council for approval to build an entry and parking. The park is 67 acres and is currently scheduled to have a cross-country running course.

### **D. Earth Day, April 22, 2012 at Reaves Park.**

John Joyce did not attend the meeting to give an update, but James Briggs noted that John had been very active with Suzanne in organizing the event.

### **E. E-bikes legal questions/issues**

No update.

### **F. City of Norman updates**

Covered earlier in A and B.

### **G. Rework of 1996 Norman Bike Plan**

The committee needs to work to have an updated bike plan be included as part of the transportation master plan. The current committee's philosophy has diverged greatly from the original plan and it needs to be updated to reflect our current goals (see above). Gary will ask Kim Mish if he has a draft of his draft of an update to the master plan.

### **H. Other Status Reports**

- Enforcement -- No update.
- Education -- Tom Woodfin has organized a Traffic Skills 101 course on campus on April 29, 2012. This course is the first step in earning League Certified Instructor status. Cost is \$15 and students must first pass the classroom portion online at [www.bikeed.org](http://www.bikeed.org).
- OU -- The OU bicycle master plan was completed in the fall, but it has yet to be published.
- Dr. Moses, Engineering, moved for a motion in the Faculty Senate, that was unanimously approved, that OU be designated a bike friendly campus within five years.
- The gate on the bike lane connected the main campus to South campus often is still locked.
- BLN -- An election for a new president was taking place during the BAC meeting.

## **4. New Business**

John Sharp attended the meeting to discuss Bike To Work Day. BTWD is scheduled for May 18, 2012 this year; it is Norman's 7th BTWD and the region's 8th. Visit [bikedayok.com](http://bikedayok.com) for all the information for the region's BTWD; information can also be found on Facebook. James suggested that the West route be altered to include the Rock Creek bridge this year by starting at the Norman Healthplex.

May 9, 2012 has been designated Bike to School Day. The Edmond high schools are having a competition to see who can have the most students bike, perhaps Norman can do something similar.

#### **5. Adjournment**

It was noted that a storm was heading in the Norman direction that had at one time included over 4" hail. The meeting was adjourned.